



Ohio Union Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2013 – Ohio Staters, Inc. Traditions Room, Ohio Union

Present: Matt Couch (Ex-Officio, Ohio Union Director of Student Activities & Orientation), Katie Dean Williams (Ohio Union Graduate Student Employee), Chuck Claibourne (Alumna), Brad Myers (At-Large), Mia Grube (Ex-Officio, 2012-13 President of Ohio Union Activities Board), MacGregor Obergfell (Ex-Officio, 2013-14 President of Ohio Union Activities Board), Sara Cantonwime (for Adam Young - Council of Graduate Students), Ann Kneidinger-Flaherty (At-Large), Simon Cheung (Ohio Union Student Employee), Hali Buck (Ex-Officio, Coordinator of Student Involvement, Advisor of the OUAB), Richard Wofford (USAC), DaVonti Haynes (for Evan Sieradzki - Chair, Undergraduate Student Government), Megan Koester (At-Large, Community/Supporter), Josh Ahart (Undergraduate Student Government), Richard Wofford (USAC)

I. Welcome

II. Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB) Update

Mia Grube, OUAB President

- This February OUAB took a group of 8 students to National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Convention in Nashville, TN.
- On February 21, OUAB hosted a Laser Tag Arena in the Performance Hall with 450 students in attendance.
- OUAB was pleased that Nicholas Sparks stayed after his lecture for a last-minute book-signing. He can sign 1 book every 4 seconds!
- This spring they are also planning events featuring Jane Goodall and Bill Hader as well as the BuckeyeThon Benefit Concert (raised \$19,000 last year).
- 60,000 hits on the OUAB website.
- Working on brainstorming and proposing fall semester events. Collaborative events application open.
- Question regarding summer programming – typically more smaller-scale... free movies, craft night, fitness series, graduate and professional student programs

III. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy (Eve Esch)

- Eve shared 2nd Reads on the following policies:
 - 1) Room Reservations for Study Tables - Chuck Claibourne moved to approve, Holmes accepted... motion passes.
 - 2) Games of Chance by Student Organizations- Chuck Claibourne moved to approve, Katie Dean Williams accepted... motion passes.
- Eve shared a request to amend a current policy for Security:

"Security Staff may be required for events with a majority of attendees under the age of 18."

The council suggested more language is needed to better explain this policy (ratio of adults to children, types of events, clarifying at whose discretion the decision is made). Eve will have another update for next month.

c. Events (Simon Cheung, Chair)

- No report - Next committee meeting will be on the 18th

IV. Directors' Reports

a. Business & Finance Director's Report from Dan Huffman

- Dan shared the budget overview to date and announced that the Ohio Union is currently in the process of planning budgets for FY14. They anticipate an operating budget of \$6.6 million in revenue and expenses.
- Impacts on the anticipated FY14 budget include housekeeping changes, Campus Dining operating the catering in our building, student life re-organization, and room rates staying the same.
- The Ohio Union may add a premium to non-university clients during primetime periods of the day and week.

b. Student Activities & Orientation Director's Report (Matt Couch)

- Leadership
 - Hosted Annual Conference on Leadership & Civic Engagement this past Sunday – 238 students attended more than 30 sessions presented by staff, students, faculty, and alumni
 - We sent a group of students to the National Conference on Leadership Programs at the University of Arizona, and they did us proud! Student Leadership Advocates members Neil Knight, Kelsey Mailman, Zak Bittinger, Jesse Ball, and Marygrace Ashdown all presented workshops. Neil and Kelsey's presentation and Zak Bittinger's presentation won awards for Top Undergraduate programs – only 3 awards given, and Ohio State won 2 of them!
- Service
 - 380 students about to go on 30 Buck-I-SERV trips, reaching 20 states, Washington, D.C., and Belize
 - Pay It Forward has begun a weekly series of continuous service opportunities with four local agencies (Columbus Early Learning Center, Summit Trace, Keep Columbus Beautiful, and Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resource Center); that program will expand in the coming year as Student Life secures buses
- Events
 - New MCEC cohort just selected: Leah Lacure and Andy Kwok (WW), Ashley Dudek (SIF), Jenna Mackey, Brenna Feeney, and Erica Thorson (HC), Glenna Zofcin (BMW), Carolyn Reis (WIF), Alli Johnson (C Week), Ghofran Miari (New Events/Buckeye Showcase)
 - First week of April features MCC's Freedom Festival, Pay It Forward Week, Greek Week, and No Place for Hate Week; Af-Am Heritage Festival the last week of March
 - Commencement Week, including the Commencement Eve Candlelight Ceremony, is coming up in the first week of May
 - Officially, move-in will be Saturday, August 17, and we'll adjust to the change by relocating the Student Involvement Fair to Sunday, August 18
- Student Orgs
 - Total number of groups that met all their requirements this year – 1,037
 - Held an advisor recognition breakfast event since the last time we met
- Staff
 - Melissa Rocco was just honored with the OSU Student Personnel Assistantship Program's Emerging Professional Award
 - Sharrell Hassell-Goodman won the Steven B. Dealph Award at the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values – given to a professional who best represents their role as an advisor in the sorority and fraternity life community. Student Alexa Arndt won the Wayne S. Colvin Undergraduate Fraternal Values Award. Similarly, this award goes to a student who best represents a sorority woman.
 - Posted a Coordinator of Community Service & Outreach position – will be working with Pay It Forward's many initiatives and the Board Immersion Program; we hope to hire this spring
 - We have five staff members making presentations at ACPA, 6 are presenting at ACUI, and 1 will be presenting at NASPA

c. Ohio Union Events Director's Report (Eve Esch)

- In February 2013, we had 2,733 events: 79% student orgs, 17% university, 4% was non-university
- Over Spring Break, we will be getting work on the floor of Woody's Tavern.
- Ohio State will also be adding a traffic light to the corner of 12th and College.
- Upcoming Events: More career fairs, 5 outside groups with conferences during Spring Break, Greek Week Stroll will take place in the Great Hall.

V. Future Meetings & Topics

Thurs. Apr 11 at 6:30pm (Ohio Union - SPHINX Centennial Leadership Suite)... Elections will take place at this meeting for the Chair & Vice Chair. We may want to explore pushing elections to the summer or early fall due to the time required for student governments to make appointments to the council in time.

VI. Announcements

- There's still time to vote for Coach Matta on ESPN.com for the Ronald McDonald House!
- Megan Koester works with the parade for Red, White, & Boom – if you know of any student organizations that would like to march in the parade, contact her. Or contact her if you'd like to volunteer!

Megan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Katie Dean Williams.